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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS**

The applicants appreciate the notice of allowability indicating that all the pending claims have been allowed.

The reasons for allowance at page 2 of the Notice of Allowability states that “the prior art of record does not teach or suggest or render obvious a network device or a data communication system that alternate the access of grouped receive devices to two different external memories. More specifically, the prior art does not disclose or teach a network device that includes two external memories, addressed by even and odd address information connected by two external memory buses, to an external memory interface, and groups receive devices into two groups where the first and second group of receive devices alternate which of the two external memories they transfer data too”. The applicants note that the reasons for allowance appear directed to claims 1 and 16. The applicants note that independent claims 1 and 16, as well as independent claim 10, do not explicitly recite these features. Claims 1, 10 and 16, however, are allowable over the cited art for the reasons discussed at pages 7-25 of the Appeal Brief filed on April 3, 2006.

**CONCLUSION**

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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